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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman  
Chair, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman:

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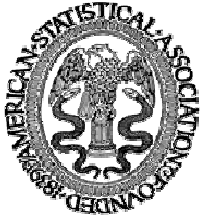
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I highly recommend that you confirm Groves and urge that you do so quickly so he can assume leadership during this critical time of preparation for the 2010 Census.

Sincerely,

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